



Re: GCSE Examinations 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

With your child's GCSE exams fast approaching, we are writing to you to clarify the arrangements for the exam period from Monday 15th May onwards. With years of experience trialling different models, we have found that during the exam period the majority of students are far more productive when in school with teacher support and revision sessions still taking place. Therefore, as in previous years, all students will be required to attend school as normal **up until May half-term**. Where a student has completed all exams in a subject, they will be expected to attend that lesson, and the teacher will ensure a quiet revision environment. Students are required to bring in their own revision materials to complete independent revision in these lessons and will be asked to stay in their classroom, so as not to disrupt other lessons taking place in school. Some/All students (depending on availability of subject teachers) will also be required to attend '**Last Drop**' revision sessions on the day before or the day of their exam in that subject – these will be extremely important sessions, providing last minute advice and support from specialist teachers. In this instance, students should attend that session instead of their normal lesson.

After May half-term, students must attend school for GCSE exams and compulsory Last Drop sessions. A Last Drop timetable will be issued to students/parents at the start of May. We will also be putting on quiet revision rooms where students can study independently during any spare time they may have between an exam and a Last Drop session.

We wish all students the very best of luck with their revision, which should be well under way now, and it's been really pleasing to see so many students staying for The Revision Room in the Library on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, as well as to the other 80+ revision sessions that are currently taking place across school. If you have any concerns about the volume of revision your child is completing or their understanding of revision techniques, please encourage them to attend The Revision Room where they can get advice and access a quiet environment where they will complete an hour and a half's high-quality revision.

Students have now received their Exam Entries for checking; any queries should be addressed to the Exams Officer, Mrs S Whittle (swhittle@lymmhigh.org.uk). Individual Candidate Exam Timetables will be issued after Easter. For any queries relating to the examination period, please contact Mr T Scott (tscott@lymmhigh.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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